Basketball Players Never Die ...

The Lanetime

... They Just Dribble Into The Sunset

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Kay Rorer (L) and Steve McLean congratulate each other after being elected Secretary-Treasurer and President respectively. A run off for Vice-President between John Sadler and Van Velle will be held this week.

Mecca Men and The Herd Lead Students At Games

By Mark Chiknas

Drink, drink, drink for tomorrow we may die—but we never do. Recently there has been an resurgence of mass drinking at Lane. In a recent Lanetime survey, 70 out of the 100 students interviewed said they drank, 50 per cent stating that their parents knew.

Where does all the drinking take place? Primarily before, during, and after the basketball games. Such groups as the 'Mecca Men' and 'The Herd' travel in bands while drinking. Comparable to Brennus and his Gallic tribes overrunning Rome, these groups race through the Charlottesville area on weekends razing it up and "raising hell."

The administration has expressed great concern over drinking at the basketball games. Many people feel that the reputation of the school is at stake. One Lane student commented about drinking at *any* games, "I think it gives the school a bad reputation." So far, Mr. Willie Barnett, athletic director and assistant principal, has borne the brunt of the entire situation. Many teachers from opposing schools have personally told Mr. Barnett that Lane has the worst student body in the district. "It's ridiculous," said Mr. Barnett, "The students not only have an obligation to themselves, but also to the school."

Mrs. Kitty Allen expressed her view. "While it may be all right for the teenager to drink, I don't think students should drink while representing Lane. They shouldn't drink while wearing their Key Club jackets."

How does Lane size up with other district schools? One aghast Douglas Freeman student exclaimed, "I thought we drank a lot down here, but this beats everything!" The "this" to which he was referring was the crowd of Lane fans who had traveled in their own cars, all of whom appeared drunk. Many of these students had to be helped to the stands while others were not even permitted in the gymnasium. During the game many students spent their time sitting on the floor in the rest room.

Many people don't view the situation as being as wild as it really is. But for example, one group traveling to an away game consumed 700 ounces of beer in one trip. This example and other ones often take place on the road between Charlottesville and Richmond.

When asked why they drank most students answered, "to raise hell," or "because I'm a Mecca Man," or simply "to get drunk!" Julian Fitch responded, "Don't get me wrong; I'm more for social drinking than I am against it. It's just that it's an obvious sign of immaturity to get smashed just so you can ride around town and not get bored. It's an escape from one's own lack of imagination."

Julian also provided an alternate quote. Although written in jest, it probably best summarizes the general attitude of the drinking student, "Yeah, (hic!) I soak up the suds all the time (belch!). What of it!?"

Business Students Keep Active; Spring Program Gets Underway

By Joyce Fogleman

"Activity" is the key word for all business students during their spring program. Many students belonging to the Distributive Education, Vocational Office Training, and Future Business Leaders classes will attend numerous conventions, conferences, and banquets in days to come.

On March 1, nine students in the DE class were among those from ten high schools in this area attending a district conference of Distributive Education Clubs of America at Lexington High School.

Accompanied by Mr. C. F. Stone, DE coordinator at Lane, the students participated in elimination contests in advertising, layout, copywriting, window display, job interview, public speaking, sales demonstration, DE student of the year, state officer candidates, and junior board of directors.

Three members from Lane won honors in their respective divisions. Patsy Gentry was nominated for state parliamentarian. Pat Mahanes was first in advertising, and Bobby Hall was third in sales demonstration.

The two first place winners will compete with students from 15 other districts in the state leadership conference at Richmond later in the year. State winners will represent Virginia at the national conference in Chicago.

Other students who competed at Lexington were William Peebles, Inez Reardon. Gail Gibson, Paul Wright, Danny Newton, and Steve Fields.

When the DE club sponsored the film "Years of Lightning, Days of Drums," a documentary on former President John F. Kennedy. the four DE classes competed against each other for the sale of tickets. Sophomore victors were treated by the defeated juniors and seniors to a potluck supper on March 7.

Other events scheduled during March and April for the DE club include a rummage sale and the annual employer-employee banquet. The banquet will feature a guest speaker and certificates will be awarded to all employers in appreciation of their support.

Students in the VOT class are also planning their employer-employee dinner which will be held during the latter part of April. Mrs. Virginia Bowen, VOT coordinator, reports that the class this year has 24 members, all of whom have been employed in their respective jobs since the first week of school.

On April 8, all FBLA members will journey to Madison College with Miss Judy Hertzler, FBLA sponsor, for the regional meeting. Members will participate in the Miss FBLA, speech, spelling, bulletin board, activities report, and exhibit contests.

The Lane Chapter will also run one of its members for a regional office. Senior Mary Leavell of Lane is currently regional reporter.

Plans are also being made to attend the State Convention in May at the Hotel Roanoke.

Lane Gets New Locker Room; $20,000 Facility Ready Soon

By Mary Ellen Kidd

As if the new blankets and Jefferson cups aren't enough, the athletes of Lane are now getting a new, well equipped locker room. The new locker room will have proper ventilation and a modern lighting system. It will accommodate 80 boys, with a separate bin for each boy.

A new equipment room will be combined with the dressing room. The showers will be more ample, and it will have two whirlpools for treatment of minor injuries instead of one. There will also be a new taping area where the coaches may tape any injured players.

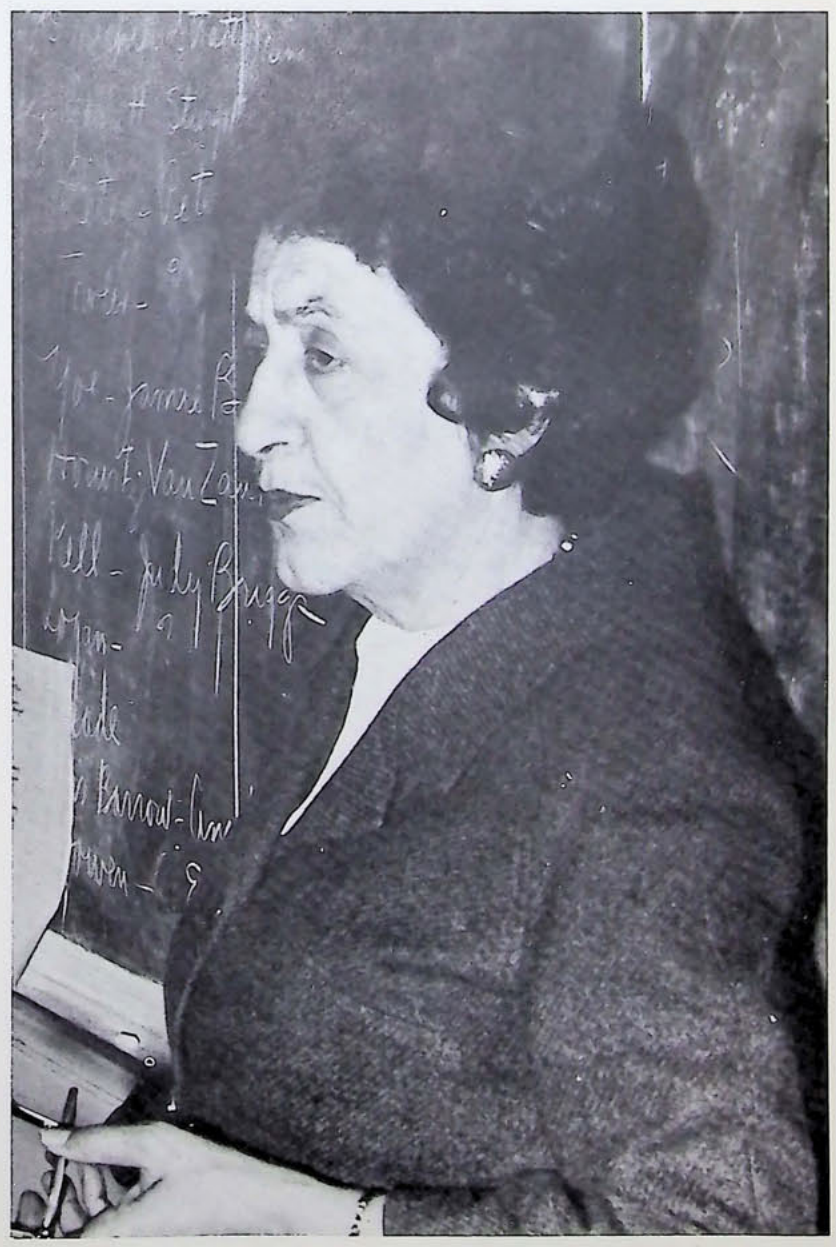
"The room was authorized and appropriated for by the School Board before the Lanetime article of Jan. 27. Although plans have been underway for two years, we now have $20,400 to build the room" Mr. Willie Barnett, athletic director, explained. "It is now being constructed under the mechanical drawing room in the basement."

Mr. Barnett detailed some of the advantages of the new locker room. "It will have an entrance into the gym and two outside entrances. Because of the inside entrance, the basketball team will not have to go outside to get into the gym."

The gym classes will not use the new dressing room. It will be used by the football, baseball, basketball, and track teams only.

The old locker room is to be repaired by re-ventilating it and fixing the lights. The junior varsity and tenth grade will use the old locker room.

"I will be very pleased with the new locker room," smiled Mr. Barnett.



Miss Horwitz, director of the Senior Follies, conducts a meeting held to cast the Follies. The Follies are tentatively set for April 12, 13, and 14.

Editorials

Booze And Cheer

Drinking among members of Lane High's student body has risen to such a degree that it has become the subject of debate at teachers meetings. The drinking has been taking place in public, at away basketball games. It should be clearly understood that the Lanetime is not an annex of the WCTU; we could care less about your personal habits, but the public drinking must come to a stop.

One of the obvious dangers of this type of activity is in the carloads of intoxicated students driving to Richmond. Hopefully these teenagers will realize the danger involved before there is an accident and four or five of Lane's most prominent male and female students are killed. Another danger which is not so immediate but is nonetheless extremely important is the damage done to the reputation of Lane. To a spectator it appears that many of Lane's leaders in sports and other school activities are purposely getting drunk and turning up at away basketball games *en masse* with the sole intent of satisfying their immature desires for public exibitionism. Lane is in a sorry state indeed if its students must be drunk before they are willing to support their team. Supposedly drinking breaks down social barriers and makes people more at ease; however, social barriers are necessary for civilized, socially excepted behavior in public. Drunks at the games act like wild animals and this is the impression that others are getting of Lane.

Drinking elsewhere is up to the students, but drinking at the games is the school's business and if the students at fault do not reflect on the responsibility involved and restrict themselves it is up to the faculty to do so.

It's About Time

A belated introduction to the fundamentals of behavior at Lane High School (or anywhere else, for that matter) was conducted only a few weeks ago for the benefit of the sophomore class. For the most part, the present members of the tenth grade also attended Lane in their eighth grade year; it has become apparent, however, that whatever was introduced three years ago was either not retained or never absorbed.

The already unpleasant second lunch scene was made even more so by some underclass students who refused to accept senior privileges, responded over-enthusiastically to the entertainment provided over the p.a., displayed outright disrespect for authority, and in general, behaved in a manner less than befitting the genus and species homo sapiens.

The long (by about six months) overdue session was the result of general teacher concern. In his opening remarks Principal W. I. Nickels expressed concern that stemmed from many reports of student misconduct. Never, during his 16-year tenure at Lane, has the behavior of the students of Lane High School received such criticism from outsiders and insiders alike. He emphasized that the entire school, not just the sophomores, were at fault. Speakers from the senior class, Scott Sewell, David Morris, Charla Van Zant, Milton Wingfield, and Mary Whitlock, a junior, cited the cafeteria problem as the main scene of sophomore offenses. Byrd Leavell, president of the sophomore class, also spoke.

Any far—reaching changes this mild handslapping may have effected remains to be seen. Hopefully a careful re-examination on the part of each student will halt Lane's encroaching appearance as an educational institution attended by a gang of marauding delinquents.

We Think We Have Troubles

By John Beahler
(Prince George High)

You've probably heard of cooks who can't even boil water, but our cooks can—they call it soup. Actually, some of them didn't even know what water was before they were hired to cook here. They're having trouble remembering that when a recipe says "wash fowl" they're not supposed to use the dishwasher.

Matters have progressed from bad to worse—we're at the stage now that our cafeteria has Alka-Seltzer on tap. Our cooks are too proud to use a cake mix—they bake from scratch (and believe me, it tastes scratchy). One cook entered a pie in a county fair recently, and she was the only one to receive a black ribbon. Now, instead of asking whether or not we want gravy, they just say, "one lump or two?"

Our cooks had to stop tasting their own food—they found that they lost the nerve to serve it.

A while ago, when the lunch prices were raised, we were told that the quality of the food would improve. We're still waiting.

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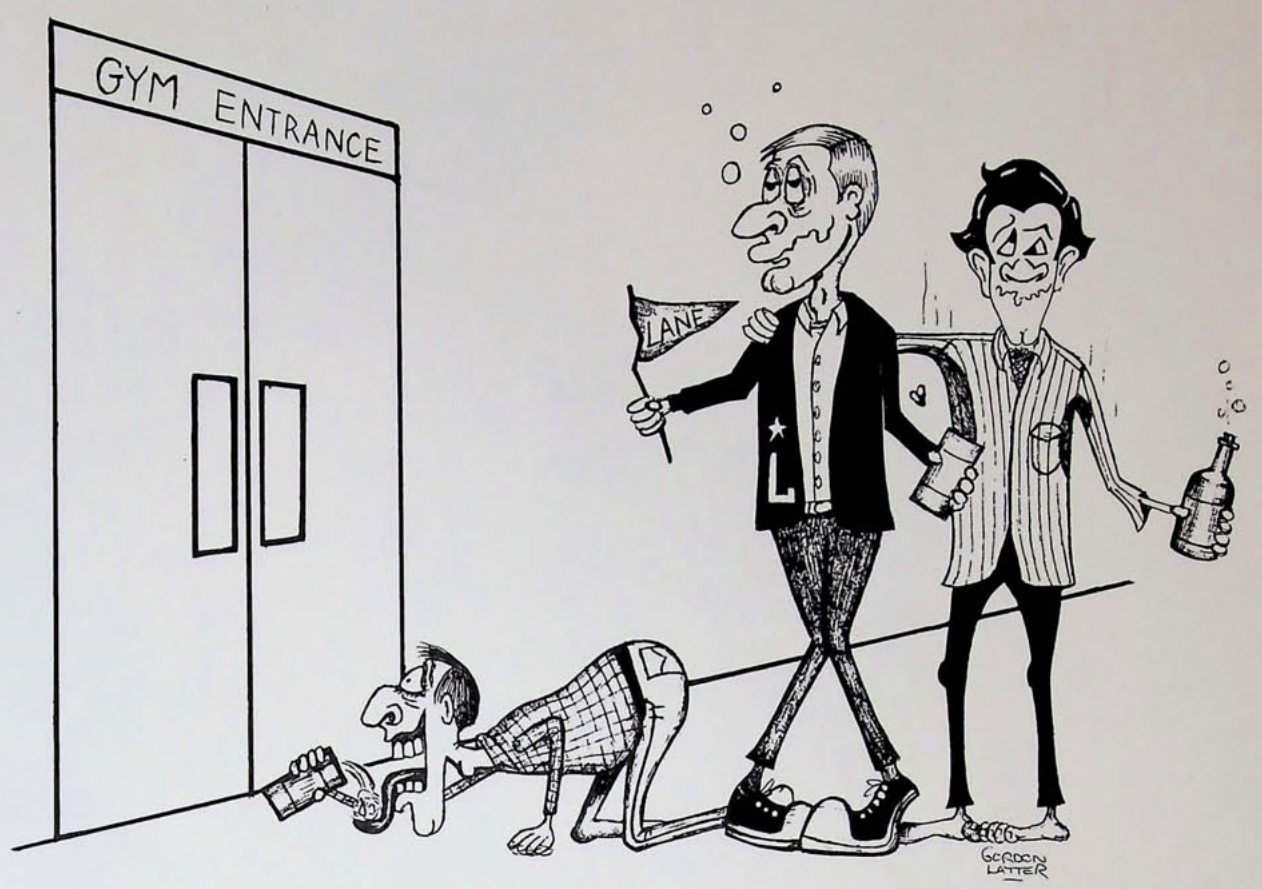


Onward Lane High School

Projects Worthwhile?

It's that time of year again. Spring is on the way, and students are being loaded down with their annual science projects and English and history papers. We believe that the purpose of an education is to learn and we think these papers are not working to this end.

In the field of science a project is to be done each year. Ideally, the student begins each fall reading up on the subject of his choice, and after Christmas completes his research. However, in reality, most students wait until the last weekend and throw together a mess from which they learn nothing.

The English papers for too long have stressed technicalities rather than study on a specific subject. For instance, many teachers in the past have required a certain number of footnotes and a certain number of books in the bibliography. This has driven many students away from good study, and the students have then thrown together a paper simply for a grade.

Two teachers, Mrs. Anna Slawson and Miss Sylvia Horwitz, offered solutions to this problem. Mrs. Slawson has dropped the chemistry project for her students while Miss Horwitz is making her senior English students write original papers without the use of extensive bibliographies.

We hope other teachers will follow these examples or perhaps offer their own solutions for these annual papers.

Vox Populi

Too Much Work, Lousy Food Cry Discontented Students

To the Editor:

I hope this letter opens the eyes of many teachers. All of my teachers give far too much homework. Every class I have is controlled by a teacher who doesn't consider the time a student has to study. Most teachers feel a student has enough free time at home to spend at least an hour on each subject. This is not true. Between five academic subjects, extra-curricular activities, duties at home, and other time—consuming activities, a student has little time to spend on each subject.

This problem can be remedied by more detailed study in the classroom, and a smaller home assignment on weekends.

Yours truly,
Nicky Gianakos
10th Grade

Why Not

To the Editor:

I think several other senior privileges should be added to the ones we have. Parking privileges for instance. I come to school late in the morning and the school parking lot is full of cars, so I have to park on the other side of the school. I think there should be special parking lots reserved for seniors. This seems only fair since we have so few privileges.

Sincerely,
Charlie Stratos
12th Grade

To the Editor:

The cafeteria is so crowded during lunch time that it is impossible to enjoy your meal, and the food is so lousy I wouldn't give it to a dog. I think Lane should have three lunch periods instead of two, and the cooks should take more pride in the food they serve to the students.

Sincerely yours,
Ray Lawson
12th Grade

Laneites Take Part In Annual Minstrel

"Pussy-footin" to horsy-hoofin" several Lane students took roles in the Charlottesville Lions Club's 25th annual variety show and minstrel, "Once Upon a Circus."

Sophomores Sharon Cohn, Sandy Flint, and Sandra Thacker fitted perfectly their roles as clowns. Glenda Harding, a sophomore, was cast as a poodle as tenth grader Kathy Eades portrayed a cowgirl. Joyce Page, Trudy Trader, and Beth Vadrine, all sophomores, participated in the show as members of the feline species, tigers, with George Buck taking advantage of his role as their trainer. Beverly Bingler had the distinction of being the front end of a horse, but Sheila Bobb was not to be outdone in her stellar interpretation of a four-legged lady.

Nursing Program Free; Time Vut Accomodates More

A shortened program at the University of Virginia Hospital now makes it possible for students to become practical nurses in 12 months.

The new program will replace the present 17-month program in which the hospital cooperates with the Albemarle county school system in offering training at Burley High School and the hospital.

The county also operates a practical nursing program with the Martha Jefferson Hospital and will continue to offer this to high school students in the area.

The new school at the University hospital will be open to high school graduates and other applicants, all of whom must pass a pre-admission examination. The course, which will combine classroom and clinical instruction, will be taught by professional nurses. About 20 students will be admitted each year, with the first class entering next September. No tuition will be charged.

Students interested in the 12-month program should contact the hospital nursing service office.

Debators, Speakers Travel to Richmond For Forensic Meet

By Allegra McCullough

The English department will again sponsor many Laneites in the Forensic meet in Richmond on April 8.

Forensics is a contest in which district schools compete in the areas of oral reading—prose and poetry, public speaking, debating and spelling. One-act plays also enter into competition.

This year's general chairman is Mrs. Stacy Jackson. Other area chairmen are Mrs. Lucille Bowen, poetry; Mrs. June Webster, prose; Miss Sylvia Horwitz, spelling; Mrs. Helen Klingaman, public speaking; and Mr. Francis Craddock, one-act play.

Winners of the competition among Lane students have not yet been revealed. Those who receive a first place rating in the district contest will later participate in the state meet.

GARNETT DECLINES

Last Friday several friends of Ted Garnett's circulated a petition which was signed by fifty students urging Ted to run for vice-president of the SCA. Declining the nomination, Ted explained that he was involved in forensics, the recent Players Club production, and the Underground.

Interior Decorating Has Arrived; Lockers Are Expression Outlets

By Bonnie Bash

The latest trend in interior decorating is enhancing the dim corners of Lane lockers as some students have grown weary of the mundane uniformity of these repositories of books, coats, and various other scholastic paraphenalia.

Among some of the male students at Lane, the "in" thing to do is to plaster the insides of their lockers with the labels of various beverages. One of the more popular is the large magazine advertisement of the Budweiser label. "It really adds bounce to my locker!" laughed one student.

Another well-know senior boy displayed the interior of his locker for closer inspection. A wide assortment of colorful labels is attached to the walls. Underneath each label is the date of the product's consumption. He mumered something about "keeping track of his victories. . . ."

A few of the "artier" types have hung pictures of their favorite models with accompanying slogans such as "Algernon is a shark." Said one student, "Wallpapering your locker is like keeping a scrapbook. It isn't as hard to forget a night of pleasure."

One of the more literary Virginia gentlemen has the poem "To His Coy Mistress" on his locker door. Some students like to inscribe current sayings and symbols in or on the outside of their lockers. There are serveral examples of this innovation on the first floor hall.

In some students' opinions locker decoration is a means to help them keep their lockers neat. "In order to see my mementos, I have to keep everything in place." Another student added, "I don't even like to hang my coat up in there anymore, I can't see my wallpaper."

Some mod Laneites have graduated from interior to exterior design of lockers. Several hot pink lockers smoulder in the halls. The doors have been completely papered with pink wrapping paper. "I'm the only guy with a pink locker!" quipped senior Bryan Terry. Another locker door has sprouted a giant sunflower.

The students' reasons for decorating their lockers vary. Said one student philosophically, "I think putting labels and signs in our lockers is a good way to release ourselves. Seeing those little 'trophies' helps to brighten an otherwise dull day." Another student reasoned the new fad as "just something to be different". He added, "At least I don't stock my locker like a refrigerator!"

MEMORIES ARE MADE OF THIS—*An unidentified senior Laneite displays his trophy case which in actuality is a locker.*

Desk Tops of Lane Intimate Thoughts Of Creative Student

By Kidd and McCullough

Through the years, many of the Laneites' most intimate thoughts have been perpetually recorded on the desk tops of Lane.

Regardless of the rule concerning the destruction of school property, students give in to the irresistable urge to carve.

Such creative passages as *Tar is black and gooey*, *Featherbedding*, *Glunk!* and *I, the Great* display the student whims of the moment.

More enterprising students carve proverbs. "*If you don't know your math, don't talk about it!*" and "*I ain't too proud to beg.*" While others express their romantic inclinations with heart-shaped figures enclosing *Lois Lane and Superman*—"Oh Super darling!" and "*I'm your puppet.*"

Lane students are also aware of the present day world situation concerning Vietnam. They pen "*Vietnam—I go-go.*" "*War is a drag, make love not war.*"

Students worried about the overpowering delinquency reports demand that society must "*Help Stamp Out Vandalism!*"

Oh, by the way. Did you know that "*pain hurts?*"

Not all the graphidities were as informative or as amusing as the ones cited. Others rank to the primitive, often crude level of expression of dissatisfaction with the world and their situation.

CLASSIFIELD ADS

FOR SALE: Old paperback books at fantastic values. Contact Ted Garnett.

NOTICE: The Beach Boys are coming!

NOTICE: Track season starts March 22 against Highland Springs. Everybody support your team.

NOTICE: Only 15 more Chains to sell. After that, you are out in the cold on that warm spring day when the yearbook arrives.

ANNOUNCEMENTS:

HOUNDS INCORPORATED is now making plans for their annual picnic on Saturday, August 12, at 12 midnight in Johnson Village. If interested in attending call 6-7869. Reserve your spot now!

MORPHILLIOS FOLLOWERS of Lane High School wish to announce that in 1009 B.C. in Athens, Greece, Morphillios proved philosophically that he didn't exist.

SONNY BEACH says: Celebrate in a Suitable Manner! This month marks the Thirty-Third Anniversary of the repeal of prohibition.

Bill Wilson, Former Laneite, Is Visiting Abroad

By Joyce Fogleman

Bill Wilson, son of Dr. and Mrs. Lester A. Wilson of 1915 Meadowbrook Road and a former Lane student, is a participant in Schoolboys Abroad, an overseas academic year program sponsored by Phillips Academy, Andover, Massachusetts and The Phillips Exeter Academy in New Hampshire.

In the Barcelona Bulletin, which is published to inform interested people of the boys' progress in Spain, the following excerpt has been taken from Bill's journal.

"I have seen Spaniards laugh at and scorn Americans who were having a bull fight on the bus en route to the Plaza de Toros. Also I have had my bus fare paid for by a stranger of whom I had asked directions.

Not all of Europe has stereotyped the American people, and even prejudices can be changed. It is up to us to do what we can in our own small way."

Faces in the Crowd

Kathy Fischer, a senior, is spending her only year at Lane working on the Teen Council and the Senior Follies while maintaining honor roll grades. Kathy's early high school years were spent in France. There her father worked for NATO and she learned to speak French in the NATO school she attended. Kathy lived in Hampton as a sophomore and junior where she was a varsity cheerleader and treasurer of the Student Council.

Jeff Tanner, a witty and talented junior is vice president of the Player's Club and a member of the National Thespian Society. For the past two years he has displayed his acting ability as leading characters in the plays "Lute Song," "The Madwoman of Chaillot" and two originals by Mr. Francis Craddock, "No Fence is a Forever Fence" and this year's "Gleaners of Weeds" in which he portrays Prince Reseus. His favorite subject is English and he enjoys playing pool. Among actors and actresses who have caught his fancy are Julie Christie and Cornel Wilde. His ambition—to become an actor, what else?

Paris, Italy, Brazil, Texas, and Colorado are a few of the places sophomore Tom Shull has lived before coming to Charlottesville. Being an army brat, Tom has been constantly on the move. He admits, "Although I like Lane, Paris is my favorite place to live." The track team takes up most of his time and this year he lettered in the cross-country run. Tom invests his money in stamps by purchasing them and later selling them when their value increases. Michael Caine and Sean Connery are his favorite actors.

School Board Makes Decision

Laneites Question Snow Days

Have you ever wondered what determines whether you go to school on a snowy morning? While you are undertaking the strenuous task of donning blizzard apparel in preparation for the long trek to school, the Charlottesville School Board is making this decision.

Board Consults Resources

The school board consults many resources before making their decision. They must call the bus company to see if the buses are running, and check with a local radio station for a weather report to determine how much more snow is expected.

Then they get in touch with the Charlottesville Street Department to check the conditions of primary and secondary roads within the city. It is on this information that they base their decision.

If the school board chooses to let the area schools out for the day, Laneites may spend a day frolicking and cavorting. Most often, however, school is open no matter what.

Students Have Problems

Many students must forego the usual bus trip or ride with a neighborhood carpool for a cramped ride in a taxi with half the kids on his block.

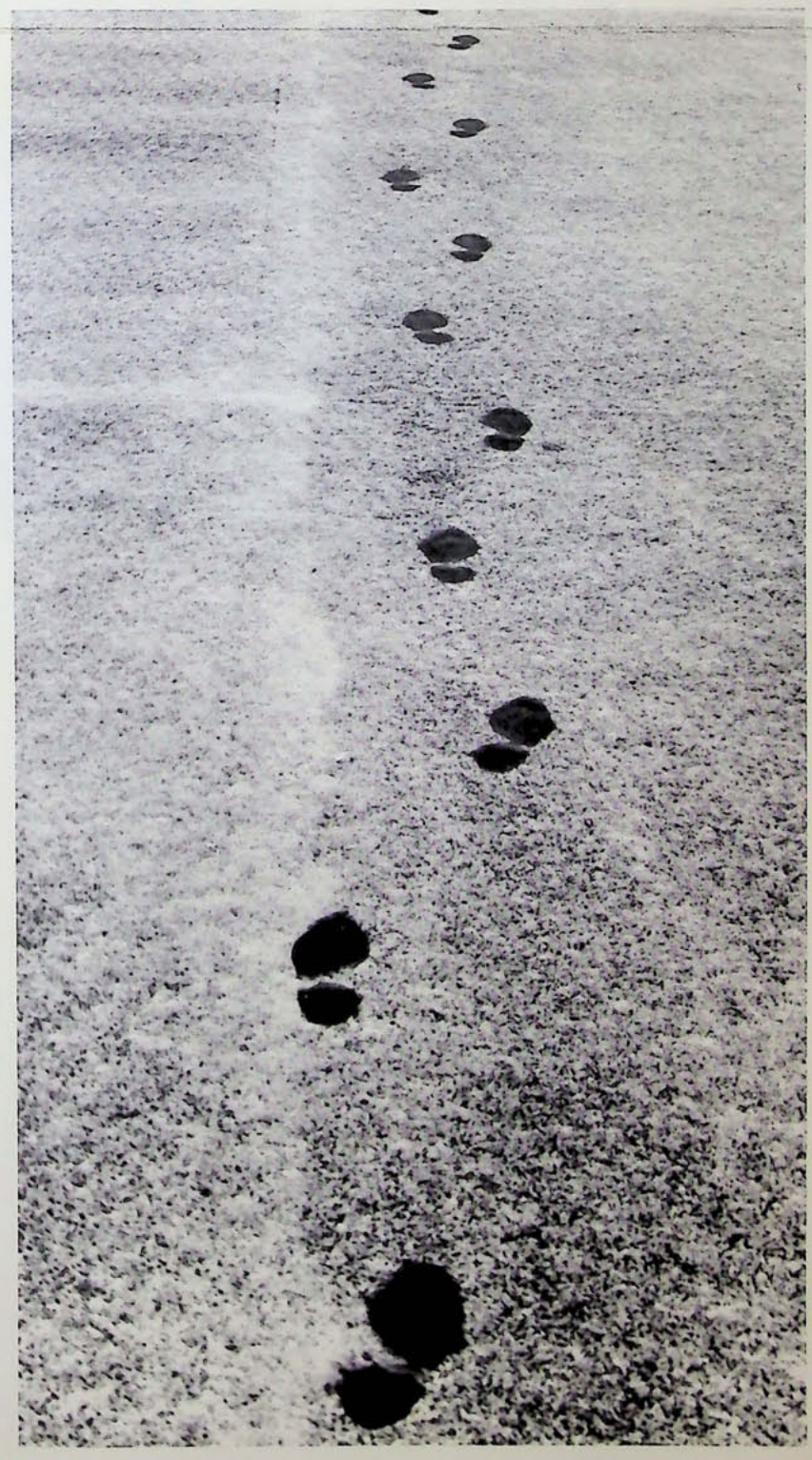
Upon arriving at school, each Laneite forms his own personal puddle in front of his locker as he peels off layers of clothing from frostbitten heads, fingers, and toes.

During the arrival of students, which usually takes half of the day, teachers try to carry on classes. This, however, is made difficult since three-fourths of the class are absent.

But through hail, sleet and snow, the show must go on.

LANETIME WANTS YOU

When filling out your schedule for next year, consider securing a position on the illustrious Lanetime staff.



CHICKEN LANEITE—*One Lane student makes a solitary getaway before the snow situation worsens.*

Greater Patrol

Sleuthing and Secret Agents have come to Lane. Unsuspecting students may be nabbed by an "under cover" deputy usher. The deputy ushers, soon to be added to the Ushers Club, will be ten students from each lunch who will be "floating" ushers. They will be able to bring offenders before the Rules Committee and will travel incognito among the students. They will be chosen by the Ushers Club Reorganization Committee.

This new addition to the club was proposed by the Ushers Club Reorganization Committee of the Student Council, headed by Kellee Mullinnex. The deputies main purpose will be to hold rule breaking to a minimum and to give the cafeteria, rest rooms, and halls greater patrol.

New Faces at Lane

New teachers for the coming fall season include Miss June Speinglemeadster, who will teach the English History of Physical Latin; Miss Virginia Webnett, who will teach Disciplinary Typing I; and Mr. Roy Mohnividler, who will teach Chemical Office Choreography.

Nine Make All-Virginia Chorus

Out of the 30 voices picked from the District V Choir for the All-Virginia Chorus, nine students from Lane have been chosen to participate in this chorus of over 200. They are Sherry Wagner, Ann Arnette, sopranos; Elaine Stratos, LaVerne Sturgill, and Peggy Lang, altos; Tommy Behrens, tenor; Bill Ramey, Tommy Lynch, basses; and Terry Nutter, alternate alto.

During the first day of rehearsal for the District V Choir, over 100 students tried out for the All-Virginia Chorus. This selected chorus will be in concert at the University of Virginia on April 15.

"We are very proud of our representation in the All-Virginia Chorus," said Mr. Stephen Webster, the director of the Lane choir. Mr. George Sergent, a former Lane director, said of Lane's representation, "I knew they'd make it."

Exchange News . . .

The Culpeper County High School Pepergram reports that from now on all senior class members will carry identification cards so that the monitors will know who is allowed in the halls in the morning, who belongs at the senior table, and who belongs in the senior line at the candy store.

Senior Legs in Full Swing; Beat Goes On

By M. L. Tucker

"Hands over heads, now touch toes!" yells Mr. Roy Bonovita, Follies choreographer. "Begin knee bends!" His commands are greeted with a chorus of grunts and groans.

Even though rehearsals have not yet begun, the Senior Follies kickline is already in full swing. On Wednesday nights and Sunday afternoons over 65 senior girls scramble faithfully into the Lane gymnasium and form their proper lines. Then the vigorous warm-up begins.

"After exercises, I ache in every muscle," moans Janet Green, senior. "Me too," adds Shan Morton. "I ache in muscles I never knew I had."

Exercises over, the girls begin kicking, hopping, and side-stepping to the pulsating beat of the Knights Five Plus One.

"Keep your backs straight," insists Mr. Bonovita, "count your steps—THINK!" After 20 minutes of this practice, the long-awaited reprieve, "Okay take a break."

While a large majority of seniors are collapsing on the gym hall floor, or fighting their way to the Coke machine, about 12 senior girls, now joined by senior boys, begin practice "a-go-go". The strains of "Wait Till the Midnight Hour" and "Satisfaction" fill the gym as the dancers twist, strain, jump, twirl and shake.

"Go-Go" completed, the kickline returns to practice their steps and stretch their muscles. After another 30 minutes of kicking, Mr. Bonovita delivers welcome words, "Okay, all for tonight girls, see you next time."

Charging out of the gym, girls scatter for cars in the parking lot. Some join the stampede for a cold Coke at the Biff-Burger, while others head home for a warm tub and a generous splash of Absorbine Jr.

Frys' Springs' swimmers (l.) Bob North, Linda Pack, Kathy Gibson, Sandie Shifflete pause briefly during practice at Memorial gym.

Pool Lures Students Year-Round

By James Duff

Most Laneites hang up their swimming suits with the start of school each September, but a few of the hardy breed simply move indoors. Currently there are four Lane students representing the Fry's Springs Beach Club in competitive swimming across the state.

Senior Bob North is the only Lane boy on the squad now, and in five years of competitive swimming he has reaped numerous rewards. In the period, though he has won many medals and has been named to the Va. Amateur Athletic Union All-State Swimming Team for three years in a row, he claims that the greatest reward has been meeting many new people.

Three sophomore girls at Lane also swim for the Fry's Springs team. The trio consists of Kathy Gibson, Linda Pack, and Sandie Shifflete. Kathy is on the Va. A.A.U. team by virtue of her outstanding freestyle times in 1966. All three have participated on record setting freestyle relay teams.

Practices Vary

Though the team is currently practicing on a limited basis, the swimmers do practice on a year-round schedule. In the winter the team can be found splashing up and down the steamy confines of the Memorial Gym each Tuesday night and each Saturday morning. In the summer the practicing reaches a peak of two sessions a day. Because of the limited number of winter practices, the team is not up to par with some of the teams in the state with their own facilities.

Fry's Springs participates in meets all year in places ranging from Crozet to Greensboro, North Carolina.

North is considered college material by University of Va. swimming coach Ralph Law who is trying to influence Bob to attend the University. At the moment Bob's time in the breast stroke is good enough to get at least a second place swimming against the U. Va. varsity. North, however, leans toward William and Mary for his college education.

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Local Boys Make Good

Knights Fall in State Semis, Finish 20-4

By Page Nelson

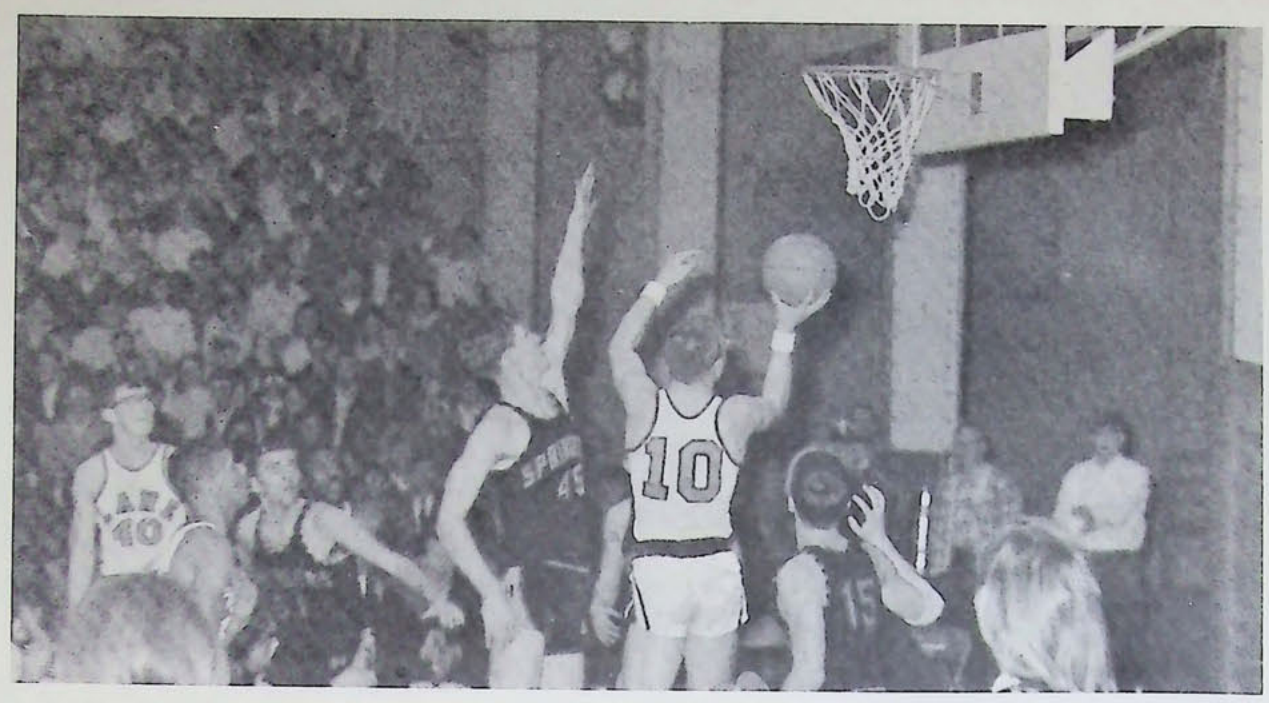
"The Arena" of Richmond, Virginia was probably erected late in the Civil War when time and construction materials were in short supply. Originally intended as a tobacco warehouse, it was utilized as a lock-up for Yankee prisoners. Years later, it was converted into its present form as a result of Naismith's burgeoning roundball. Seventy-odd years later, with little changed except the peach baskets, dirt, and some interesting athletic lore, a phenomenon occured, and then repeated itself.

In February of 1966, the much-maligned Lane Black Knights of Charlottesville gained the finals of the Capital District Tournament for the first time ever. It was rated as a toss-up, but the Knights came up tails, 63-53, in favor of their archrival Douglas Freeman. Thus forced into a play-off, the Knights won their first district title, 58-57, in a game which gave the old building palpitations.

One year later, the same team, minus the unforgetable, irreplaceable, Robert Harris and bouncy play maker, captain George Gay, trotted onto the dirt-streaked Arena floor for another final. In the other corner was tough, Highland Springs, who in one week had knocked off the top three teams in the district.

Exactly a week before, the pseudo-Scots, a soggy Lane performance, and two officials had handed the Knights their third loss, 55-51. The following Wednesday, in the opening round of the tournament, Freeman, seeded third, got the fling 66-61. Twenty-four hours later, the once-feared George Wythe Bulldogs fell to a Springer surge 47-46. The Springers were boiling, and the final was a day away.

Lane, during the same period, lost to the Springers, frolicked past lowly Teejay, and survived a stall by the Tucker Tigers in the first round, 47-45. There was little joy in Charlottesville, the words "Stall Lane" were out. As expected, this was the tactic when the Lanemen returned to Richmond for the third time in a week on Thursday.



Mike Cubbage performs the final step of his stop-pivot-fake-duck under-score maneuver to hit for two in Lane's 54-42 Finals victory over Highland Springs. Photo by Atkins

The opponent Hermitage, went into an immediate stall, but steals by Frankie Allen kept the Knights above water. Tight defense and a steady offense forced the Panthers under. Following a 19-10 half-time score, Hermitage made their bid and cut the Lane lead. The surge fell short, and the Knights instituted their run-and-shoot ball which swamped the cats 56-40. Frankie Allen, though scoring only 16 points, had 12 rebounds, six steals, and eight assists. Mike Cubbage, with a fantastically hot hand, poured in 25. The final had arrived.

Ignoring the Panther's painful discovery, the Springers launched immediately into the stall. Undaunted, the Knights sprained the slow-down, but the Springers held on for a 12-12 first quarter. Midway through the second period, the Knights pulled away to a small 26-20 half time lead. Allen, in foul trouble early, was not having a good night. At times he was double-teamed or boxed, but the effort was telling on the Springer defense. Furthermore, the man-mountain, Jack Meuller, 6-6½ was feeling fatigued and playing only in multi-second bursts. Cubbage, a consistent clutch player, was hitting well.

In the third quarter, Lane cracked the regrouped stall again and increased the lead to nine. The Springers had to make their move, and they did. After Meuller popped four points to cut the lead to five, it was cut to two, 40-38. Allen fed inside to Kimo Polster who hit on a left-handed running hook. Cubbage drove the length of the court and laid it in over Meuller. Hermitage fans grimmaced knowingly, and Lane ran away to the State Tournament 54-42. Allen and Cubbage were named to the All-Tournament team, along with Craig Barney of Freeman, Allan Greene of Henrico, and Ronnie Hardy of Highland Springs.

A scuffle incurred by a discontent Springer spoiled the net cutting ceremonies, but did not prevent the Knights from walking away with practically all the awards except the sportsmanship trophy. For seven Lane seniors it was the final trip to Richmond—few were sorry.

Milton Wingfield performs the last rites of the District Tournament.

There can be only one State Champion, for this is the nature of the honor. Ten teams come to the tournament each year, and each is a district champion in its own right-hence it is a tournament of champions. No amount of rationalizing can make defeat any easier, however, and this is the inevitable end for all but one.

The 1966-67 Lane basketball squad must be classed as an also-ran, if this title is appropriate for the team which finished third in the state. The saga of Lane in the tourney began on Wednesday evening, March 8 when the seventh-ranked Black Knights took on the tenth ranked, aptly named Rebels of Fairfax. The slow first half was brightened by the precision outside shooting of Robert Carey who had 13 of Lane's 26 points.

Putting on their characteristic third quarter surge, the Knights erased the 31-26 half-time score and went ahead 39-37. Fairfax's Mike Hickson was ejected after throwing a rolling block on Mike Cubbage. Frankie Allen then popped in the 1000th point of his career, and the Knights went wild and clinched the game 70-58. Allen with 25 was followed by Carey with 20 points.

Twenty hours later, Granby of Norfolk, undefeated, second seeded, and awesomely tall, met the Knights in the quarter-finals. The Blue Comets perforated the Lane defense in the early moments, but a defensive realignment neutralized some of Granby's height advantage. With five minutes left in the half, the game went into a scoring slump. Lane thawed out first and moved ahead 27-22 at halftime.

The second half was fought equally with Lane adding only one point to the lead which they never relinquished. As a contest it was closely matched and the second quarter when the Comets netted only four points was the deciding factor. Mike Cubbage led Lane with 18 and Frankie Allen hit 60 per cent for 16. Lane coach Chip Conner added that Lane was able to stay with Granby on the boards, no mean feat.

The fagged Black Knights picked a poor night, and a poor team, Hampton, for their worst offensive performance, but then it was a poor night all around. The Lane cheering section was listless, the cheerleaders distracted, and the team more quiet and unobtrusive than usual. Trailing by one at the half and with Allen burdened by three fouls, the Lane fans silently awaited the third quarter surge. It never came. Allen picked up his fourth foul early, but the Knights hung in without him. The fourth quarter arrived, Lane scored three points, and the Crabbers gained the finals 59-44.

Frankie Allen takes a tap away from Fairfax's Kevin Cassidy.

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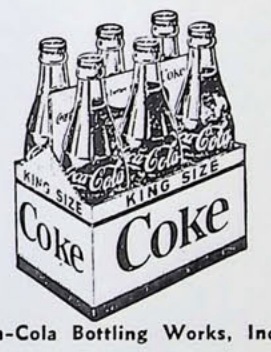

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Allen Wreaks Havoc; Page Retires

Knight Lights

By Page Nelson

Complications and lucky breaks, surprising player performances, and key injuries, spectator difficulties or fist fights, these are the unforseen events which both add to and detract from a basketball season. The 1966 season has to be called a success where Lane is concerned, however, there were occurences whose only benefit is the hope that they will not be repeated.

Greatest in its impact on Lane itself was the liquor scandal of mid-season. The problem was largely brought about through the efforts of a select group of students who decided to offer support to the team on road games while they supported themselves with a variety of firewater. In the process of this series of retarded acts, a restroom at Teejay was kicked around and the principal insulted, a prominent athlete was expelled from the liquor-laced stands at John Marshall, and another student passed out on the entrance steps at Douglas Freeman.

After a feeble initial disciplinary attempt, repercussions were swift and decisive as offenders were summoned to the office of Mr. Barnett. The problem disappeared almost immediately, but the damage was done. Lane, never a favorite in Richmond, has been respectfully hated until now—this ire is considerably less respectful henceforth.

The only other regretable incident of the season came during the tension filled moments after Lane's 54-42 Finals victory over Highland Springs. Exactly what started the fracas is impossible to tell. It may have erupted in several places at once.

Lane's Robert Carey was struck in the face, but he returned the compliment with interest after a short chase. Jan Lombard, a Lane cheerleader, was knocked to the floor and injured. The fight was limited in its scope to a few individual conflicts, and several policemen broke it up in short order. It was a typical post-game warm-up and will likely provide tales of valor for many years.

Undoubtedly the most pleasant surprise came from the Lane bench. Besides Eddy (00) Cambell, Robert Carey, and Kimo Polster have come through in fine style. Robert's jump shot can best be tritely described as poetry in motion. He's tough on the boards and can get "pushy" underneath at times. Kimo is tenacity. He never stands still on defense and handles the ball fluidly. Many agree that his left-handed hook in the final two minutes of the Finals, cracked the game open.

Player Focus

By James Duff

"My brother had a basket in the backyard, and when I was about three-and-a-half years old I took a small ball and shot at the basket. It went in and I've been shooting ever since." Thus begins the basketball career of Frankie Allen.

Frankie always made a point of playing with bigger boys, but sometimes the bigger boys didn't want Frankie to play. However, the star-to-be of Lane High School always had something on the ball. "They had to let me play since I was the one who owned the ball." He continued to play with the bigger boys in elementary school and played on the sixth grade team while he was only a fourth grader.

In the seventh grade he captained a team at Venable and averaged 35 points per game and had a high of 78 points.

Frankie did not play eighth grade ball at Lane, but played city league. Playing jayvee in the ninth grade Frankie was substituted in the first game and scored 16 points.

In his sophomore year, Frankie broke into the starting varsity lineup at guard. He played the first three games before disaster struck. In a practice session, Frankie made a cut and stepped on another player's foot, breaking his own in the process. When the cast was removed, he broke back into the lineup and caught the last four games.

Nothing stopped Frankie as a junior. He gathered All-State honors and led the Knights to their best season in history. He finished with a 19.8 average and was also the leading rebounder for the team. He gathered All-Capital District first team and All-State second team laurels.

His fabulous junior year impressed many colleges around the nation and earned him 35 inquiries from schools of the stature of defending national champion Texas Western. Frankie is still considering his offers but rates Villinova, Virginia Tech, and Edinboro as his picks for the moment.

Frankie's senior year was pure ecstasy as he rebounded, scored, and handed out assists with amazing ease. A 38 point performance against Henrico was a school record. He led the state in scoring most of the year, but after a prolonged illness he dropped to third with an average of 23.2 points per game. He was a unanimous choice for all district and made the all tourney team, also for the second straight year.

The 6-4 senior captain enjoyed many high spots in his final year of high school competition, but one of his most sought after goals the 1000 career points seemed to elude him. At season's end Frankie found himself only 57 points short of the mark, but super tight defense in the district tournament left Frankie still short. Needing only 21 in the state tournament, he took no chances and scored 25 points while leading Lane to a 70-58 victory over the Fairfax Rebels.

The only grammatical difference between Lane and Allen is one L. Athletically, it is a very important L.

Randy Page was going to be a baseball player until he was in the eighth grade, but after four years as a little league all-star he decided that there was no where to go. Looking around for a new sport he picked up a ball five times as big as a baseball and started playing basketball.

As a freshman and a sophomore, Randy played jayvee basketball but did not appreciate the game until he was a sophomore. Then by constant practice at the Memorial Gym against some U. Va. players his game improved, and he became the second leading scorer for the jayvees. Also at this time coach-to-be Chip Conner gave him some encouragement. "It was at this time that I first thought I could make the varsity.

Though his junior year was unspectacular, Randy commented that, "Time and time again, when I lost my self-confidence, coach Conner would give me the inspiration to keep on going." Randy continued, "Though I thought I had little chance of starting, I kept on playing in the summer just to be playing. I carried a basketball to the beach. I guess I was quite odd carrying a basketball instead of a mug and a blanket."

The work paid its dividends as Randy broke into the starting five for the very first game and started up until the fifteenth game when an injury forced him out. He had 99 points and was second on the team in assists when he was injured. "I wasn't at all happy with my play this year. I didn't fulfill my pre-season goal of gaining respect for my game."

Randy, who will attend the University of Kentucky, plans to continue his basketball career, through maybe not on the varsity level. "I had hoped to try basketball at U. of K. but I recently read where they signed 12 high school All-Americans for next year. But I will try out."

Though Randy is not satisfied with his game, it is this dissatisfaction that has made his game what it is—and may become.

Randy Page clutches the rail to support his injury racked frame. Frankie Allen gazes languidly from the publications room where he spends many happy hours.

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